L. Kumlien
Sept. 25. 1886

however if you think it is ~~any~~ thing but S. mollissima.

I have gathered together 15 specimens of Chen coerulescens from the young of the year to adults in buding plumage and will make an attempt to restore this species - What do you think of it?

Are the eggs of Sterna caspia among your desiderata?

Hoping to hear that the eggs have reached you safely and proved satisfactory I am

Yours Very truly

Ludwig Kumlien
154 West Water Str
Milwaukee Wis.

Milwaukee Wis
Sept 25/86.

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst at hand. I have sent you a set of Som. mollissima - I enclose herewith discription of the eggs. I have not received yours but trust they will arrive allright.

I will also mail you an eggs that you can look at sometime at your leisure and compare with others. The history of this egg is as follows: A native that was my constant companion in my rambles and found a good many eggs & birds for me - brought me this egg one day and told me it was not an eider duck neither the common eider or the King eider - He described the bird as black and white with a white

ring around the neck etc. On ~~an~~ another occasion I got one more just like it from another Eskimo, but if from the hope of reward they had picked out a somewhat differently formed and colored egg of the S. mollissima & tried to palm it off on me I cannot say. I know I did not pay much attention to it at the time as I could not get the bird and I do not think I even mentioned it in my report. In looking over my eggs these two seem so different from any thing I have that I thought I would ask your opinion. Have the Scooters such eggs? I do not know them. Some species of Scoter I saw in Cumberland but could not procure any. The native I had to assist me proved himself very reliable and useful but of course one could not rely on such authority for identification of eggs. He stoutly maintained it was a duck that seldom came into Cumberland Sound since whalers had come etc. Just for amusement I enclose a tracing (exactly line for line as he drew it in my note book) of a drawing he made of a bird that he said he had killed at Kennedy Lake and south west of there. You see he had quite an eye to ornithology. I do not think there can be any doubt what this bird was.

I offered such large rewards for the duck he described with one or more eggs that had he procured it I should have been ruined. I thought at that time it might turn out to be the Labrador Duck. The egg is to me only an aggravation, and as it can never be identified is of no value at all. I should be pleased to know

Milwaukee Wis
Oct 9/86

Wm Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

I send you a small list of some duplicate eggs. Are there any in the list you would like? If there is please let me know as I can easily pick out many kinds I want from almost any kind of a collection and you undoubtedly have such a lot of duplicates that you would not miss equivalent species – if there are any you want in my list – My egg collection recently sustained an accident so I am poor in many species

Yours truly
Ludwig Kumlien
134 West Water St

L. Kimball

Oct. 9. 1886

I have not got one.

This coming May I intend to procure the eggs of the Solitary tattler if it takes a week. I was a little late this year but I have found the nest I am positive - in some scrubby willows about 4 feet up in a very miry springy place - I shall get them this year. My father found the European ally nesting similarly on the island of Gotland in the Baltic and this lead me to look for ours in such places. It is a spot of about an acre and not a bunch of grass or tussock or dry land that could contain a nest. I could almost catch the parents while near the nest but the surroundings were such that they young escaped my notice

Yours truly

Ludwig Kumlien

134 West Water St
Milwaukee Wis.

Milwaukee Wis
Nov 18-1886.

William Brewster Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Oct 30. is at hand. I have been confined at my house with Rheumatism for three weeks hence the delay in answering

I enclose herewith a list of some of my desiderata and you can pick out from it what you think equivalent to what you want of mine. I put down enough species so I think you can easily pick out as many as you think I would be entitled to. I do not care for any except sets unless it would be Scaps or Speotyto would be satisfied if I got two each of these.

Do not be alarmed about my data - I think you will find them satisfactory -

I am as yet unable to walk but will be able to in a very few day I think and will then at once send on my eggs to you, so you can see that they are all right. Are all of my own collecting and I warrant the identification correct - I wrote you that I had I received the Eiders all right they are a nice set - Have you received mine?

I presume you are aware of the reason that one meets such apparently mixed sets of Som. molissima - The ducks have a habit of stealing from each others nests - and this goes on during the entire time of incubation so unless you find an isolated nest they are almost sure to contain eggs in all stages of incubation and of different shades of color and sizes - I do not remember having read any American authority on this subject but I think Brehm speaks of it and my father has seen it in north Lapland.

I have some skins of Ectopistes I am quite sure - but they are in my skin collection at my fathers place in Bussey[illegible] and as he is here in our museum I cant get them until I go out there which may not be in some weeks - As soon as I do will send them to you - You are heartily welcome to them -

Do you happen to be in position to cabbage an extra copy of the A. O. U.?

18 Nov 86

P.S.

I would rather nothing were said about the solitary tat ter's nesting, as if it should by any chance get into print some fellows here would suspect the locality and might get ahead of me as they have any amount of leasing and I have not.

I only mentioned it to you as I thought it might interest you.

L.K.

I hope you may never have Rheumatism as I have it - it is simply horrible - I can scarcely hold a pen -

L. Kunlein

Dec. 18-1886

Desiderata in eggs

L. Kumlien
Nov. 20. 1886

Milwaukee Wis
20 Nov 1886.

Wm. Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

I mail you today three boxes of eggs. One containing 8 eggs Mergus serrator. One, 4 eggs and nest Pluet nevalis & two Col. septentrionalis. & one with 13 eggs Bonasa umbellus 6 " Pod. podiceps & one Mergalus alle. or 3 Ectopistes migratoria

I hope they may arrive safely & prove satisfactory I think I have some better eggs of ectopistes at my fathers & when I go out there will send you better ones

Yours truly
L. Kumlien

Hot Springs Ark.
Dec 26 - 1886

Wm Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

From your favor of Dec 3/86 I learn of the fate of the eggs I sent you - I had some young friends assist as I was not able to superintend the packing - I presume they knew too much - I will replace the broken eggs on my return home I know I have them all - I am very sorry that such a blunder ever occurred but had you seen my condition you might be excused in thinking I had packed them - I get much relief here - and probably it will prove permanent - The blue birds are singing outside my open window as I write - If you have not sent me ~~them~~ anything ~~in the~~ you might leave it until I return north in Feby - Is there anything in this section during winter that you might want?

I should be glad to get a line any time - it is lonesome here when you are crippled especially

Very truly Yours
Ludwig Kumlien

Jo. Southern Hotel Hot Springs Ark

I had three dozen Eggs left home before I left home & will try to have some one send them to you.

IF NOT CALLED FOR
IN TEN DAYS
POSTMASTER WILL PLEASE
RETURN TO

UNITED STATES
LETTER SHEET
ENVELOPE.

SPRINGS
1 29
10AM
ARK.

Wm Brewster Esq
61 Sparks St
~~Concord~~ Cambridge
Mass.

U. S. PATENT, JULY 1, 1879.

L. Hamlin.
Dec 26. 1886

Milwaukee Wis
10 Apr 1887.

Wm. Brewster Esq
Dear Sir

I have returned home at last – apparently cured – at any rate I feel better than I have for years.

Tomorrow I will mail you some eggs. I hope they will arrive safe this time.

The Merganser set is poor but I think I have more at my fathers place & will send them with the pigeon eggs when I go out there.

If the Hesperiphona skins are among your desiderata I can furnish you more.

Yours truly
Ludwig Kumlien

134 W. Water St
Milwaukee

L. Hamilton

Apr. 10 1887

L. Kumlien

May 20. 1887

Milwaukee Wis
20 May 1887.

Wm Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

Your letter was received sometime ago - but as I have sold out my business I have been too busy to answer before. I would prefer you send me such eggs as you think right in exchange. I have the Auk. Please take your own time I am in no hurry. I shall devote my time now to my favorite study & my permanent adress will be Milw. Public Museum. I will send you more Gros beaks as soon as I can get around to it

Sincerely Yours
Ludwig Kumlien
Public Museum
Milwaukee Wis.

L. Kimball

Sept 20. 1887

Good promising
to do anything
to help him
to position in view
must already
filled.

[illegible] Sept. 20. 1887.

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir,

I think I wrote you that the office of Custodian had become vacant and that I was urged to be a candidate for the position. I had the most flattering letters from Lowell, Allen, Gross, Lord, Hodgman and a great many others besides influential friends here and moreover had filled the place for about six months for the retiring Custodian. The election was held yesterday and a boy not yet 19, with no experience and no particular fitness for the place was elected but then he had his uncle in the board of trustees and that accounts for it.

If only opens here such matters are frequently settled. Of course I was disappointed and do not than again engage in business I would accept almost anything of a literary nature.

Prof Allen and Prof Ware are both trying to make room for me, but not what I desire I know yet.

I thought it possible you might know of some opening for me. I think you know fairly well my abilities.

If you should know of anything either in Museum work or in the field I would be very thankful to hear from you on the subject.

You will please excuse my freedom in [illegible] with this matter but as my friend Prof. Dana says "nothing ventured nothing gained" with any question I do not much of a gentleman to take offence.

Hoping you will have the kindness to drop me a line,

I am yours
Very truly
Sidney Hamden
Student Mechanic
Milwaukee Wis.

Milwaukee Wis.
9 Apr. 1888.

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir.

To the best of my recollection you wrote me some time ago, enquiring if I would accept some books in exchange for the eggs I sent you. I believe I said I would prefer eggs - I cannot find your letter nor do I remember what you offered, but I am sure you made a fair offer and will accept what you think is right. Can you tell me where I can procure E. W. Nelsons list of the birds of Northeastern Ill? I am using up my spare time on a check list of the birds of Wis - with pretty full notes - I began it about 15 years ago and have not got it finished yet.

Yours

I am still lithographing spiders, but by July will be out of employment and must find something to do.

Yours Respectfully
Ludwig Kundlein

L. Kundlein
Oct. 9. 1887

Public Museum

Milwaukee Wis
10 July 1888.

Wm Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

I have long delayed answering your letter of Apr 15 hoping I could procure you some Wild Pigeon skins. I have not been successful yet but think I may get some in the Fall. Spring shooting is not allowed in this state now.

Of the eggs you mention in your letter of Apr 15/88 they are all de<u>siderata</u> and I would be pleased to receive any of them that you may send one when you have time.

I am still drawing and lithographing spiders but would like to get a position somewhere where I could do scientific work of some kind. I will be through by Sept. or sooner if necessary

Yours respectfully
Ludwig Kumlien

L. Humlein

July 10 - 1888

Milton Wis 5. Dec. 93

Mr Wm Kunzler

Dear Sir.

Skin arrived all right, am much pleased with it. I mail you today skin Am. nelsoni hope you will find it satisfactory.

I would very much like a skin of Am. maritimus, would another nelsoni be a fair exchange? Or savannarum, old or juv, or some of our queer sandwichensis? I want princeps, beardsleei & maritimus, and would be glad to give anything in exchange that I have that you want.

Yours truly

Ludwig Kumlien
Milton College
Milton Wis.

Ludwig Kumlien.
Dec. 5 - 1893.

Milton Mass 18 Dec 1898

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 11th inst. at hand. I would like the Florida form of maritimus as well as princeps maritimus & lucentii. I send you today 2 nelsoni 3 sandwichensis & a young lincolni (?).

The sandwichensis marked "a" is our common form here - fully as light. "b" is to me undistinguishable from Cala. specimens called Bryanti. and "c" occurs only late in the fall - just before freezing up - at any rate all the late Savannahs measure a full ½ inch more than the Sep & earlier birds. I have had them six inches.

I suppose they all the same, but it is very easy to pick out the three forms.

In spring they are rare here and are like "a". Please do not think I consider this lot as equivalent to what I have asked for — I expect you to tell me what you want and if I have it will send.

Yours very truly

Ludwig Kumlien
Milton Wis.

Have you specimens of Rhynchophanes mccooni? Calcarius pictus? and Loxia leucoptera to exchange?

Will you kindly tell me how Lemys Least Bittern differs from exilis. I have no discription of Lemys.

Ludwig Kumlein.
Dec. 18-1893.

Milton Mass. 28. Dec. 98.

William Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

Your kind favor of 23 inst. rec'd. The birds came all right some days ago, and pleased me very much I thank you for answering my numerous questions. I send today 2 Amm. sand. Bryanti(?) 1 Nelson 1 Yel Grasshopper(?) Jun. and a Micropalama himantopus, also a Lincoln & Swamp Sparrow – I do not remember seeing the young swamp's streaks on breast – If you dont want them you can return them. Is the Micropalama worth any of the following: Buff breasted S. pipe Red or Northern Phalarope or Himantopus mexicanus or a copy of the A.O.U. check list!

I have a Pigeon in our college Mus. that belongs to me and if you want it I will turn it into a skin – I think it will make up more than fair. I should like a typical Bryanti sometime. I lost my skin collection (several thousand skins) by fire last year and am beginning over again – it goes slow when one has five days in the week taken up with teaching. I return the Le Conteis you lent me – I have a fine one I shot this fall, but I thought it was henstowi; so this species is yet a desideratum. I suppose the Le Conteis is rare and you can probably trade it to advantage. What is the Chachalaca?

In the spring (term) I have no classes after 12 o'clock and as I am only 4 miles from Kankakee

and have a horse that goes there in 30 minutes I think I will clear up the Savannah business some – I think Mutsis breds around the lake.
I may have some eggs you ~~would~~ could use in exchange If you wish will send you a list –

Yours very truly

Ludwig Kunkler
Milton
Mo.

Ludwig Kumlien.
Dec. 28-1893.

Milton Vis
10. Jan 1894.

William Brewster Esq

Dear Sir. Yours of 4th inst. at hand. Skins came safely and please me very much.

I will send you the Pigeon as soon as it is dry. I am quite sure I can get you Ophronis agilis in the spring; they are hard to find but not so rare as some think, if you know when to look for them. We get them about the first week of June, after the bulk of the warblers have passed on. I think I can get you the Nelsons also. I would be very glad to exchange on a greater scale, but the trouble I fear is that I have not yet got anything you want. I would like to get a list of what you want also what you can furnish

I expect to collect a good many skins in the spring and

will no doubt get some good ones. I would of course like some California skins, if I can find anything to give in exchange. Could you spare a pair of Sandwich mollusine or duck? (mutable specimens)

I lost all I brought back from the north, in fact a poor pair of Tringa maritima is all I have left. I shall await your list, then I can tell what I can do for the present, and when I know your descendants will be on the look out for them. I will send you some of our Shore birds — I want to be sure of the war.

Very truly Yours
Ludwig Kumlien
Milton
Rock Co Wis

S. Trumbler Ludwig
Jan. 10, 1894.

Milton Wis. July 28. 1894

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir.

I presume you are some known from correspondence long before this, and I only perhaps to bother with any list I can send you. I want you a pigeon skin after you want anything I could spare send me a skin of any hawk except, B. borealis & lineatus, A. cooperii and fuscus & hudsonius & Sci. shawanicus for it? Also have you a pigeon skin to spare for a specimen - I have a good mounted 5 minus a tail - it is the tail I want.

If you wish I will send you a list of skins I can spare for exchange

Yours truly

Ludwig Kumlien

Milton Wis. Rock Co.

Ludwig Kundiew.
July 28-1894.

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Milton Ms Aug 11/94

William Brewster Esq
Dear Sir,

Your favor of 8th inst. at hand. Buteo l. alleni will be entirely satisfactory to me. Will be glad to get it. You can send it when you send more next Oct. or, if you can to send me new B. lineatus alleni adult. Buteo calurus, ad. Ajaja ajaja adult. (mountable) Ardea caerulea ad. & Charadrius dominicus ad. it will make the exposage hardly any more than the one hawk. I could use the Spoonbill now to advantage if I could get it. Of course I do ask you to inconvenience yourself in the least, - do not want you to - I only suggest it. By Oct. I will also have more for you to choose from. Yours very truly

Ludwig Kumlien.

Ludwig Kuchic.
Aug. 11-1894.

Milton Ohio.
4 Nov. 1894.

Wm. Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

Thinking you may have returned by this time I send you a list in the hope there will be something you will want. The skins are all pretty good. Of course I have duplicates of a good many other kinds but I list enclosed on a venture.

If you want any of them it will be no trouble for me to find plenty I want.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience I am

Yours very truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

Milton College
Milton Ohio.

I have a magnificent series of Am. Lecontei you know of course that the young are entirely different from adults.

Ludwig Kumlien.
Nov. 4-1894.

Milton Ont
14. Nov. 1894.

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir.

I have packed the skins and eggs and they will go tomorrow. I will take the Wood duck set for the Jack Snipe set I send. To offset the Ac. nivosa would like. the piping Ring, or Wilsons Plover. For the Branta canadensis eggs ducks e.g. Widgeon Pintail ~~and~~ Scaup, Ruddy or Gadwall, etc.

For the Wood duck set I would like mountable skin of Hawk Owl or Swallow tailed Kite or Harlans Hawk, or at any rate toward it - I have been offered .75 per egg for them in exchange They cannot be got here about any more. For the other eggs = (Pigeon ½, Alle ½, Cepphus grylle ½ and Bucis Borealis ½) Hawks eggs in sets, or single, if no other way, of any hawk's except Red Tail, Red shoulder,

Ludwig Kunkler.
Nov. 14-1894.

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"Sparrow, you using your judgement as to values. I will list denderata to such extent that you have plenty to choose from.

Arcadian Sharp tailed Sparrow.
Any Junco except Henslow's
Black-throated Sparrow
Bachmanns " in fact any of the Pencaea.
one pair Cardinals
Painted Bunting
Louisiana Tanager

Worm eating Warbler
Blue winged "
Lutescent "
Audobons "
Cerulean "
Yellow throated "
Black throated Gray
Prairie "
Kentucky "
Hooded "
White Wag tail
American Dipper

Warbler in fairs as far as possible.

I think you offered to send me Bullis' lineatus alleni for the figures. Phil & sent a year ago, you can put that with the rest.

Harlequin Duck ♂
Red Phalarope
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Little Blue Heron Adults
Louisiana " "

I especially want mountable skins of

Swallow tailed Kite
White " "
Mississippi "
Harris' Hawk
Harlan "
Red bellied "
Zone tailed "
Swainson's "
Broad winged "
Prairie Falcon
Snowy Owl
Hawk Owl

Prefer adults of any of the species, but will take young rather than not get them.

If you can find enough in this list please let me know & I will send more. What is a skin of Catafornia Vulture worth?

Yours very truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

Ludwig Kumlien.
Dec. 6 - 1894.

Milton Wis
6 Dec. 1894

William Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

The box arrived all right, except that the skins on top were rather too loosely packed so that the heads and tail were broken off on seven or eight. I expected to pay the return express charges of course. I am very much obliged to you, and will look out another time. I am very well satisfied with what you sent, several were very acceptable indeed. I am at a loss to account for the Buteo swainsoni eggs you sent me - I had swainsoni collected by Col Goss and have a set very

just like them that are very different. One point I especially notice, if you hold the egg up to a strong light (artificial best) and look into the hole the shell on opposite side will show dark green, just like Nisus cooperi; my sawainsons dont show this, but the only set of Astur I ever examined did. There you sent me are very green.

This is almost sure proof that the two so called "Rough legs" I sent for identification are not Cooperi. I suspected them to be B. pennsylvanicus they are Buteos I am quite sure. Do not understand me that I think myself capable to correct Capt. Bendire or Wm Brewster, yet my mind is not easy on that score.

By the way would you some

time compare a set of hawks said to be Archibuteo ferrugeus with yours?

Do you want Seiurus noveboracensis with median crown stripe? Ampelis garrulus (pair skins, but not very highly colored) The Junco we have here is precisely like the cardinalis you sent. We also sometimes get one with reddish sides in winter.

I have a Hel. peregrina ad. spring with a heart shaped spot of yellowish brown on breast, is this usual? I have seen three thus marked. There was one warbler in the lot, without name that I can place, it looks some like a ♀ Den virens but has more of a Hidmenthophaga bell, Chihuahua Mexico, Frazer, coll'r. Do you remember what it is?

I expect some of both species of the Arctic Woodpeckers soon from our pineries. Do you want any if I get good specimens? Again acknowledging my thanks for your fair and liberal exchange and your kindness in answering my many questions I am

Yours Very truly

Ludwig Kumlien

Milton Wis.

Dec 6/94.

Milton Wis.
15. Dec 1894.

William Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

Yours of 10th inst at hand. I did not mention the broken birds with the idea that you were to reimburse me for them. It was an accident, and I simply will listen to no remuneration. I had found the Warbler long before I got your letter and it made me feel rather cheap that I did not know it. I do not care to return the Buteo lineatus eggs you sent unless you especially wish. If Capt. Bendire is right (and I presume he is) then surely I got blundered. I mail you an egg of lineatus? from a set (all alike) that is absolutely the same as those

15 Dec 94

given me by Capt. Goss (collected by N. S. Goss) We (Father and I) once kept a Goshawk in confinement and she laid an egg — I am after that egg now, and when I get it, if I do, I will see if my memory serves me right. I also presume on your good nature by sending you once more the two hawks (Archibuteo lagopus error) and three coopers from three different sets. Also the supposed Archibuteo ferrugenius. This set (2) was collected on a shelf of a cliff in Southern Montana the parent was described as an "Eagle" "snow white" beneath and a red patch on belly — this is my reasons for thinking it ferrugenius. I also send a supposed lineatus from Idaho.

15 Dec 94

The crown stripe on my Seiurus novaracensis extends beyond the eyes - I will mail you a specimen which you can keep if you want it. I am confined to the school room all day during the winter but I will have some of my student boys get me a good series of Juncos for you, will be glad to. If I tell them that Mr Brewster wants them they will hunt the county over.

If not too much trouble perhaps you might take the hawks' eggs with you to Washington I would like Beardie opinion.

Thanking you for your kindness I am yours

Very truly

Lindsey Kumlien

Ludwig Kumlien,
Dec. 16 - 1894.

Milton Wis
2 Jan. 1896.

William Brewster Esq.
Dear Sir.

I mail you today the hawks eggs (B. swainsonii). I write this in the lodge, and not having your letter by me, I do not remember what you said in regard to substitute. Anything you send will be satisfactory. I especially want hawks eggs. Have you plenty, Pandion eggs? I have only one, that I found floating on the water in the lake.

The Juncos seem to have left us during the cold snap. They will soon be back and will then send you a series.

Yours Very truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

S Kumlien – Ludwig
Jan. 2, 1895?

Scientific Department
...OF...
MILTON COLLEGE.
LUDWIG KUMLIEN.

Milton, Wis., Mch 3 1895

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 28 Febr at hand. You can send the hawks eggs back if you like - if Capt Bendire is so sure I certainly shall quit kicking - The weather has been too severe for the juncos there has not been such a winter here for years.

I will send you some as soon as they return. Is there any thing (birds or eggs) from this section you especially want?

I expect to collect a good deal this coming spring.

Very truly yours,

Ludwig Kumlien.

I have heard that Coues Key (Edition with A.O.U. nomenclature) can be bought somewhere for $5.00 do you know anything about it? Who shall I address to find out?

Kumlien - Ludwig
March 3, 1895.

Kumlien - Ludwig
April 13, 1895.

Scientific Department
...OF...
MILTON COLLEGE.
LUDWIG KUMLIEN.

Milton, Wis., Apr 13 1895

Wm. Brewster Esq
Dear Sir.

I mail you under another cover the Junco's promised. They were unusually tardy in coming back this spring. I did not, or have not yet got any of the pink sided ones. I also mail you a couple Alcoris males, will you please label them. Are they the same var, and what are they?

Also will you kindly inform me if I can be reinstated as a member of the A. O. U. by

payment of regular dues, which I am now able to do.

You can return the Clocers when you send the hawks eggs.

Yours Very truly
Ludwig Kumlien

Kumlien – Ludwig
May 20, 1895.

Scientific Department
...OF...
MILTON COLLEGE.
LUDWIG KUMLIEN.

Milton, Wis., May 20 1895

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of 15th at hand. Also box of skins and eggs. I am very much obliged for the identification of the Larks. The O. alpestris seems to be a winter resident here, at any rate I only find the praticola breeding. We get the large ones in early spring with the Longspurs. One of the much travelled hawks eggs came to grief at last, the packing seemed rather snug and it was split lengthwise. I can patch it however,

What has become of the Blue birds this year? I usually have several pairs in my yard and this year I have seen but one or two and in the country - I heard or saw specimen of Bubo virginianus - all sooty black except under tail covers (B. virginianus ?) They are not common in this plumage are they? I have also ~~seen~~ said it he very heavily blotched with black eggs. I could not get the eggs but I got the young. The screech owls are getting of this flying less and more active - we have Dendr. coronata, palmarum and maculosa here - the latter also all the warblers - also all the Junco Trivir - besides Junc. albicollis Junco oreganus usually have here in Apr.

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The Junco's are so common that it seems almost as if they would not be worth anything, especially as I did not get the ones I was after. If you think they are worth a specimen of any of the following: I shall be more than satisfied.

Sylvania mitrata ♀
Geothlypis formosa ♀ or ♂
Dendroica pal. hypochrysea. ♂ or ♀
Den. dominica ♂ or ♀
Den coerulea ♀ or very bright ♂
" aestiva sonorana. ♂ or ♀
Hel. pinus. ♀. or ♂
Protonotaria citrea. ♂ or ♀.
Phainopepla nitens ♂ or ♀.
Passerina ciris ♀

I will remind you in time about the A.O.U. matter. How is it, can I pay for and get the Auk anytime?

Yours very truly,
Ludwig Kumlien.

Kumlien - Ludwig
Oct. 20 1895

Scientific Department
...OF...
MILTON COLLEGE.
LUDWIG KUMLIEN.

Milton, Wis., Oct. 20 1895

William Brewster Esq.

My dear Sir.

I take the liberty of adressing you again especially as you wrote me last spring to remind you to reelect me as a member of the A.O.U. at the Nov. meeting.

It will be a very great favor to me if you will kindly attend to it.

I send you by this mail a set of 5 Sparrows eggs in the hope you can give me a valuable time on them eggs but I thought perhaps you ought plan them at sight.

Please do me the favor to return them as they do not belong to me. I enclose postage for return of package.

Yours very truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

Nov. Dec. 2.

Since I last wrote you (last Spring) I have been appointed by the State to furnish the Nat. Hist. collection for four State Normal Schools. This job very materially swells my pocket book, besides being a very pleasant recreation from School work.

idea of what they are - I have studied and compared them until I give up. They were taken by a student of mine on Rock Prairie this (10 miles from here) near or in fact on the border of a slough. I went down next week but could not find bird, only nest which did not materially differ from a song sparrows, but more coarse grass in it. It was at least 5 miles from woods or even trees (except some shade trees along the road) I know every bird that is summer resident here, and that is one thing that bothers me. The only sparrows on the prairie in summer are =

Leucaris leppencis (rare)
Poocaetes gramineus common

Ammodramus s. savanna (rarely)
" passerinus (common)
" henslowi ? Some seems but very rare
" Leconteii ? "
" nelsoni ? "
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Chondestes grammacus -
Spizella (three species -)
Junco oreganus 2 species
Spiza americana -

I can make the eggs belong to any of above, as I think they are too large for Am. henslowi leconteii or nelsoni and surely they do not belong to any of the others. So there must I think be some stranger to one that nests on prairie. Of course I do not expect you to see your

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Milton, Wis., Dec 25 1895

William Brewster Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 23d just at hand. You never sent me anything for the Junco's, and it was such a small matter I had long since forgotten all about it. Anything on the list enclosed would be among my desiderata. I thank you for attending to the A.O.U. membership business. Since we last correspondex I have be appointed to furnish the collections for our State Normal Schools. Quite a paying job. So you see I am into Ornithology deeper than ever.

Yours Very truly
Ludwig Kumlien

Kumlien – Ludwig
Dec. 25, 1895.

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Would you loan me, - just long enough for me to get a good look at it - a spring ♂ Ben. c. cairnsi. I think it occurs here. At any rate I get coerulescens with a black saddle sometimes.

Milton, Wis., 5 July 1897

Mr William Brewster.

My Dear Sir.

Replying to your favor of 9th May I forward you in this, list of some skins you may want. Also a list of desiderata. You may send me any from list if you find enough in mine to offset. If you can spare any more, and do not find my list full enough please let me Know and I will try again. Also mention any species you paticutarly want, especially from this region. I would spare some species I do not have duplicates of in order to get some of my desiderata.

I do not mean from above wording that I expect you to send first - will forward mine as soon as I Know what you want. If you can spare 3 summer & 3 winter C. fuliginosus. I would be glad to list you something more. Hoping this may find you at home, and with leisure enough to give it attention I am

Yours Very truly

Ludwig Kumlien.

I would give some pretty good eggs in exchange for species marked X.

Kunlien — Ludwig
July 5. 1897.

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LUDWIG KUMLIEN

Milton, Wis., Feb 1 1898

William Brewster Esqr
Dear Sir.

Your favor of 25 Jany at hand. I still have the skins you have undescribed and my wants remain the same as when letter was written. The eggs mentioned in my letter have been traded so I fear I cannot tempt you much as I would like to. Would like a specimen of Dem. c. cairnsi for examination and will return it safely. Also would you loan me a typical Sciurus n. notabilis I am quite sure I get it here every spring.
I return lists and will send birds as soon as you notify me just what you want — how many etc. Would skin of Juv. Porzana jamaicensis be any temptation?

Yours Very truly

Ludwig Kumlien

Kunkler - Ludwig
Feb. 1. 1898.

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Milton, Wis., 7 Mch 1898

William Brewster Esqr.
Dear Sir.

The box of skins arrived today. I was much pleased with the loan of the Dendroica and Seiurus. The latter I took six specimens of last spring, here. The former has been known to me for 30 years as the fall plumage of caerulescens - i.e. I supposed so, and for that matter do yet. I can match your specimen any spring and also every gradation up to a few barred spots or no black at all. I have seen darker specimens than the one you loaned me. I will try and get a series next spring if time allows and we have a good Warbler May. (I am quite sure there is a black backed one among some rubbish specimens on the old homestead and I will find it the next time I go there) I return the Warblers per registered mail tomorrow as

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we are moving into a new house in another part of town and all my cases are packed. I am sorry I cannot send the Specimens promptly but hope it will make no material difference to you. Will not be many days before I can unpack. Regarding Ectopistes - I still look to you for our series and then I know of no one I would rather have what I can get than you - surely the Smithsonian will never get anything more from me. I could have taken a pair last spring, but foolishly waited for the egg, which I never got. There are still a few about here - very few however and I think I can get some about 60 miles north of here next May. I have a good specimen of egg that I have banked on getting a set of Pigeon hawk for, or at least going toward getting a set. First man that wants to trade in that way takes it. Does it strike you? Also have an eggs blown old fashioned way - (with two holes on side) I saw one time last summer

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a flock of seven specimens flying over and later found out where they had nested. If not disturbed will nest there again this summer. I can get almost anything I want for either skins or eggs. By the way, the hawks eggs you once sent me for Buteo swainsonii. (Collected by King for Goshawks) identified by Bendire are sure enough, in my estimation Goshawks. I have been collecting unmarked Swainsons now for five years and I think I know a Swainsons — I believe Bendire was wrong. Swainsons has an entirely different grain of shell under the glass, and I have never yet seen one of this shape which is typically a Goshawk shape.
I procured a set of 3 B. borealis last spring that were as dark as the average Ospreys eggs, and three weeks later three more from same nest not quite so dark. Will write you again as soon as I can get at my cases, and send you the specimens named. Very truly yours

L. Kumlien.

Kumlien — Ludwig
March 7. 98.

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Milton, Wis., 15 Mch 1898

Wm. Brewster Esqr
Dear Sir.

Your letter at hand. I mail you today an intermediate form (?) of Den. coerulescens. When they get here in May I will try and procure a series and show you I am right. The dark ones show much black also on crown especially in the forward part, also on wing covers. I would like this specimen returned unless you want it very bad. I will send you a series all right. I had a notion the feather tips wore off as the season advanced, as I never saw a "saddle back" as we used to call them, in fall. More on this subject later

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Yours truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

Kumlien Ludwig
Mar. 15, 1898.

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Milton, Wis., May 7 1898

William Brewster Esq.
Dear Sir.

I mail to your adress today a box of skins — all I can ~~get~~ at present get at of those you wished. Time has been too precious with me of late to do much in the way of exchanging. Moving is an affair one does not get over quickly. Though I have everything as comfortable as one could desire I find no time to get my collection arranged as yet. I trust you are in no hurry. I am going to ask you one more favor = can you furnish me at least one skin each of the Lanius ludovicianus & excubitoroides? (or if not will you loan me a specimen of each) I am much bothered on our shrikes — surely we get typical excubitoroides and then some that agree with description of ludovicianus and again some that do.

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not seem to be either one. This spring for some reason they seem to run to ludovicianus type more than usual. Also can you without any trouble find out if you prepaid the box you sent me — it was written on "paid" (in pencil) and arrived here without any bill of charges, but a week or ten days later I was called on to pay something over a dollar on it. If you paid it I would like you to send me some memorandum from your office — especially so as our office here has done this trick with me too often. If you did not prepay it of course let the matter drop. Ark Sent

Season here way behind as to birds — no warblers yet except coronata & palm. which will mean that they pass through in a day or so —

Yours Very truly
Ludwig Kumlien.

Write me for any skins or eggs or inv. you especially want.

Kimlein Ludwig
May 7, 1898.

Milton College

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Ludwig Kumlien, M. S.

Milton, Rock Co., Wis., Mch 23 1902

William Brewster Esq

My Dear Sir:

Your letter and box of skins returned at hand. I am very grateful indeed for your kind assistance and hope you will be free to call on me if there is anything in the bird line you especially want from this region.

The Spizella I will get more of as soon as they get around, think we only get them on the pine barrens — they are certainly different from pallida. The thrushes, swainsoni and almae, are the only ones we have ever taken. The Meadow Lark was from Costa Rica — breeding. I am now getting out 1 half tones of four different plumages of Chen coerulescens for my forthcoming list.

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Very truly Yours

Ludwig Kumlien

Kunkin-Ludwig
Mch 23. 1902.

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Ludwig Kumlien, M. S.

Milton, Rock Co., Wis., Apr 18 1902

Wm Brewster Esq

My Dear Sir

I am afraid we have taxed your good nature too far already, but we have ~~already~~ had enough acquaintance so you can plainly tell me if you have no time or inclination to — look over more skins! I dared not send them until I have heard from you. Firstly, I had written in my MS of this. birds my doubts etc, on Anas obscura — a year or more ago, I could get only a few at a time, but I was aware of a difference so great that I suspected we might have the mottled duck, a species I have never seen; your new species makes it imperative that we have the correct identification of the few skins we have. Also we have a lot of Bobwhites from Ark, so different from any described var that we felt sure Ridgway would not pass it by — Dont you want to tackle them? Think we have about 15. Also Ark. Tympanuchus, different from any thing I am acquainted with. Anser b. minima?? and hutchinsii both, or neither perhaps. There are also a few smaller ones. Now if you have no time

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just planing say so. I dislike sending anything to the Smithsonian as it is so liable to stay there for good.

Where can I get a specimen of the mottled duck? I presume you do not have a specimen to spare?

Hoping a favorable reply at your earliest convenience I am

Very truly yours
Ludwig Kumlien.

By "we" I mean Mr Ned Hollister of Delavan and self. Mr H. is a perfect double of our lamented friend F.L. Jony, though a better ornithologist if anything - with decided of no disrespect for Jony.

Kümlien-Ludwig
Apr. 18, 1902.

Milton College

Chicago Ill.
154 S. Oakley Blvd.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY.
Ludwig Kumlien, M. S.

Milton, Rock Co., Wis., 9 July 1902

Wm Brewster Esq
My Dear Sir.

I have been working too hard and playing too little - Besides my duties as a teacher I have carried on two other lines, until I am now in a hospital here for repairs. Tuberculosis of the Larynx with a malignant sore on the Larynx. I have been here for a month and may be able to escape an operation. Am taking X ray treatment which seems to be taking hold. All plans upset (except my list - have plenty time to put to that) for the summer and fall. I run home on the 4th and forwarded to your adress a box of skins which you kindly offered to identify. My boy (as I am informed) did not prepay box as I ordered so kindly send me a memo. of the Exp. charges and I will remit to you enough to pay it both ways - When you are through with the skins please send them to my home adress (Milton Wis) but adress any letter to me here (vide adress above) until Oct 1. I have a very dear friend here in Mr Ruthven Deane - he is another of "Nature's Noblemen." Hallister is now with Baily and Oberholser on the Biological Survey in Texas.

Very truly yours Ludwig Kumlien.

Franklin - Ludwig
July 9, 1902.